

MINUTES OF MEETING
RUSH RIVER WATER RESOURCE DISTRICT
CASS COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
WEST FARGO, NORTH DAKOTA
NOVEMBER 18, 2014

The Rush River Water Resource District met on November 18, 2014, at 8:00 a.m. at the Cass County Highway Department, West Fargo, North Dakota.

Present were Raymond Wolfer, Chairman; William A. Hejl, Manager; Dick Sundberg, Manager; Carol Harbeke Lewis, Secretary-Treasury; Brenda Lovgren, Administrative Assistant; Sean M. Fredricks, Attorney for the Board; Mike Opat, Engineer for the Board; Brady Woodard, Moore Engineering, Inc.; Lloyd Knight and David Strand, Amenias Township property owners.

Minutes

It was moved by Manager Hejl, seconded by Manager Sundberg and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2014, meeting, as amended.

Drain #52 Channel Improvements

Mike Opat reported that Dennis Meyer is interested in having the drain extension run through his property. The cost of the Drain #52 Channel Improvements Project is estimated at \$1.6 million. A drop structure is estimated to cost \$70,000. Mr. Opat will develop a cost estimate this winter for the construction of a plunge pool on the drain.

De-authorization of federal project on the lower Rush River

The Board discussed the possible de-authorization of the federal project on the lower Rush River.

Culvert in the NW 1/4 of Section 9 in Harmony Township

Brady Woodard reported that the contractor was not able to finish the removal of dirt and silt from the culvert in the NW 1/4 of Section 9 in Harmony Township. Chairman Wolfer feels it is critical to open the culvert this fall. The structure is not in danger of washing out, but the township road could be overtopped. Due to the potential cost to do the work at this time, it was decided to wait to do the work until next year. The culvert will continue to be monitored.

Culvert repair on the Rush River in the SW 1/4 of Section 30 in Harwood Township

Chairman Wolfer reported that the lower end of the culvert is breaking off on the Rush River in the SW 1/4 of Section 30 in Harwood Township.

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to work with the property owner and repair the culvert in the SW 1/4 of Section 30 in Harwood Township, not to exceed \$5,000. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Legal drain right of way

Manager Wolfer received a complaint regarding weeds on drain right of way. Mike Opat explained the process of acquiring right of way.

It was moved by Manager Sundberg and seconded by Manager Hejl to authorize Moore Engineering, Inc. to stake the cultivation limits approximately 10 feet from the upper slope of the drains, as projects are constructed in the Rush River Water Resource District. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bills

It was moved by Manager Hejl and seconded by Manager Sundberg to approve payment of Checks #3987 through #3993 and the electronic funds transfer, as presented. Upon roll call vote, the following Managers voted in favor: Wolfer, Hejl, and Sundberg. The Chairman declared the motion passed.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be considered by the Board, it was moved by Manager Hejl, seconded by Manager Sundberg, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

Raymond Wolfer
Chairman

ATTEST:

Carol Harbeke Lewis
Secretary-Treasurer